

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

~~Multi-user applications in multimedia networks~~

~~The invention provides a solution for alleviating problems~~Problems related to operation and administration of multi-user application programs, particularly real-time applications, in systems of networked computers ~~are solved using by means of a novel feature, implemented as an~~ enhancement of a selected call control protocol, such as the H.323 or SIP protocol. Each client, server, ~~gatekeeper~~Gatekeeper, and optional firewall ~~means of a system according to invention is~~ provided with a specific real-time codec with a common interface adapted to a multimedia call control protocol, such as H.323 or SIP.~~the~~ The codec ~~is being adapted to cooperate~~operate with each of ~~the client, server, gatekeeper, and optional firewall~~said means. Thus, for example, each of ~~said client~~ ~~can~~means is allowed to use its data communication protocol of choice without the need for the same data communication protocol choice on the server side of the application.

(fig. 3)